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1. YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT CHAIRMAN BURNS IS VISITING NO
OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS CORRECT.

2. WE STILL PLAN VOLUNTEER NO INFORMATION ON BURNS VISIT
BUT WILL GIVE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM
PRESS. IF YOU RECEIVE ANY PRESS QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD
REFER THEM TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN.

Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT CHAIRMAN BURNS IS GOING TO GERMANY
TO MEET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF
THIS MEETING?

A. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED CHAIRMAN BURNS TO MEET VERY
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INFORMALLY WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN ORDER TO DISCUSS A

NUMBER OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING OUR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

Q. ISN'T THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BURNS' VISIT TO DISCUSS GERMAN PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR A 25 BILLION DOLLAR FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY FUND ASSOCIATED WITH THE OECD?

A. THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GET INTO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS WELL. RECYCLING IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF INTER-RELATED ISSUES WHICH WILL PROBABLY COME UP.

Q. THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EC AGREED JANUARY 7 TO SEEK A NEW 10-12 BILLION DOLLAR IMF OIL FACILITY FOR 1975. IS ARTHUR BURNS GOING TO GERMANY TO DISCUSS THIS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT?

A. THIS QUESTION MAY COME UP IN THEIR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES. CHAIRMAN BURNS' VISIT TO GERMANY WAS PLANNED, HOWEVER, WELL BEFORE THE JANUARY 7 EC MEETING. KISSINGER

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